



OCTOBER 2004

536TH MAINTENANCE CO.

FRG NEWSLETTER

Commander's Corner

Greetings, I am CPT Michael Glotfelty, the Rear-Detachment Commander for 17th CSB. I would like to take this opportunity to say a few words to you and let you know what my staff and I can do for you.

The first thing I want to discuss is the notification process. GOD fervid that something should happen to your love one, I would like to talk to you about how you will be notified. The only time that you will be notified by telephone is if something happens to your love one and the injury is non-life treating. If you receive a telephone call concerning your spouse, it will only be from COL Tunnstall, Chaplain Steth, 1SG Miller or myself. If you do receive a telephone call from someone you don't know, please call me anytime, for I will always have the information. If your love one's condition is serious, you will be notified in person, face-to-face. The only time you won't be notified in person is if you are on the mainland and there is no military notification team available to notify you within 24 hours.

Now let me talk about more joyful matters. We are currently in the middle of a move and getting settle in with new Soldiers and new Jobs; so please be patient if things seem to take a long time go get done. We are also working on getting a computer lab open for family members. Right now, the only Instant Messaging (IM) that will be aloud is thru AKO IM. Any Spouse is

allowed to request an AKO account thru www.us.army.mil. This account also comes with email. Every Soldier is required to have an AKO account. Also available for family members use will be fax, copier, and incoming DSN phone calls. We are hopeful that we will be able to set up a local Video Conference, but are having to work around security issues.

The FRG and I are here to assist you during the next year, but please remember that sometimes things take time to get accomplished. You may call anytime and I will be more than willing to talk to you, just please remember that I have a full schedule. I do ask that you keep my FRG team up-to-date with your current contact information and if you leave the Island, please let the FRG know how to reach you. Remember that you are not alone and believe it or not, the year will go quickly and seem like it went fast after it's over.

Melissa's Minutes

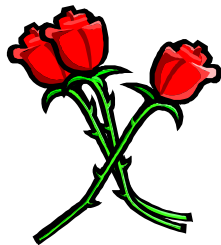
Well spouses, I hope all is well. We are all going through a transition being without our soldiers. And as much as we may miss them, we must remember that they have a job to do. We also in all our thoughts that are geared toward them and their safety need to keep in mind ourselves and those that are with us here at home. So in this year, let's all set a goal for ourselves of what we want to accomplish and learn. This time should be a time for growth and learning within us. So I will set my resolution first (it does not have to be January 1st to improve on oneself):

My whole life I have always depended on others to take care of me, this year I want to become a more independent person. Whether that means learning the sounds my car makes when it needs repair, or unplugging the drain in my sink, I want to learn to do it on my own. But I should never forget that sometimes I still need the help and love of friends, family, and especially my husband, and they in turn need mine. I also want to become a more avid reader (which is one of my favorite past-times, I am always so busy, that sometimes I forget to do what truly makes me happy and helps me relax. And lastly, to make friends, one person or a groups of people that I can hang with, and call when I am having one of those really lonesome and bad days (which do and will come).

These are my goals, what are yours?

IF YOU NEED ANYTHING CALL OR EMAIL AT:

808-836-4721 or
missyjewn1@yahoo.com



Things To Do

ACS Spouse's Night Out

October 7-28

Create your own Family Web Page

October 14

How to Prepare for Reunion

October 21

Quilting

MWR Blue Star Card Holders

Free Childcare for

Spouse's Night Out !!!

Every Thursday at 6:00pm

***Call 655-3929 for more
information.***

Tropics Spouse's Night Out

October 7

Karaoke or "Pamper Yourself"

October 14

Beauty Makeovers

October 28

Create a custom photo card to send to your deployed soldier

(Bring photos, card provided)

Children ages 6 and up are welcome to participate in supervised activities:

Movies, video and arcade games!

6:30 until 8:30

***Tropics Community Center
Bldg. 589***

***Call for Reservations: 655-5697,
655-0002***

Important Dates

FRG Meets Around the Pool

Come out and Meet the Spouses
and children of the
536th Maintenance Company
Richardson Pool, October 23rd at
2:00 pm.

Bring a covered dish and something
cool to drink



Activities

Family Day in Waikiki. On October 16 tour the Honolulu Zoo and Waikiki Aquarium, then choose from one of the following activities: Shop at Royal Hawaiian Shopping Center, International Market Place, participate in surfing lessons on Waikiki Beach, or picnic and relax in Queen Kapiolani Park. Free transportation will be provided from Schofield Barracks Commissary parking lot, departing at 8 a.m. Fees depend on the activities chosen. Reservations are required. Call 655-0111/655-0112.

"Spooktacular" Pumpkin Coloring Contest. For ages 12 and under. Win a Fun Filled Pumpkin! Entry blanks available at Youth Centers and Tropics. Entries will be displayed at Tropics, October 1-31st. Grand Prize Drawing on October 30th, 6:30 p.m. Costume contest follows at 7

p.m. For more information, please
call 655-0002.

Halloween Potluck (October 31st). Join the fun as the spouse's of 536th have food and fun before trick or treating. Potluck starts at 3pm at battalion and bring the kids all dressed up and after go out trick or treating. Great way to meet new people and to go candy collecting in groups. Please bring a dish and drinks to share with all.

Quick Information

Register For Your Blue Star Discount Card



The Blue Star Card is a Deployment Discount Card that is available to support the families of deployed soldiers. Cardholder benefits will offer 10% off at several MWR Facilities, FREE childcare options from Child and Youth Services, discounted emergency auto assistance for towing, discounts at Cosmic Bowling birthday parties, MWR Pet Kennel registration, and much more.

Free Care Package Materials

Every 3rd Sunday of each month from 1200-1600 at the Tropics. Free materials for putting together your care packages. For more information Call 655-0002

Passports

You might want to think about getting a passport if in the instance that something might happen to your loved one and you have to travel to Germany to see them. You can get the information and where to take it to on the web at www.travel.state.gov/passport

Set Up An AKO Email Address

By setting up your AKO (Army Knowledge Online) email address, you will have access to great information such as training, finance, benefits, AKO Mail, White Pages, and much more. You can also use the account to instant message your deployed spouse. To set up account contact Rear Detachment Commander CPT Glotfelty @ 655-2032 or go to www.mwrarmyhawaii.com

Birthdays and Anniversaries

If you would like your family birthdays and anniversaries posted in the newsletter please contact Mary at 624-0497.

Important Websites

Updates happening in Iraq daily

www.honoluluadvertiser.com

Finance Information

www.us.army.mil

Another resource for information

www.25idl.army.mil

Community Activities

www.mwrarmyhawaii.com

Free Boxes and Labels

www.usps.com or call

1-800-610-8734

Congratulations!!

To the new additions to the 536th Maintenance Company

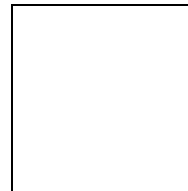
SGT Johnson and his wife Stacy Johnson welcomed their son Kai Lorenz Johnson on Oct. 4, 2004. Kai weighed in at 8lbs. and 7oz.; welcome.

An Important Message!

Please help the stop of rumors by calling Melissa Silva (@ 836-4721) or Capt. Glotfelty (@ 655-2032) as soon as you here of anything. We ask that you do not tell others of what you have heard, calling the people in charge will get you accurate and quick information to your concerns, and put a rest to any fears.

536th

Maintenance
Company



We're "The BOMB"